



OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Announcement Date: June 12, 2013

Request for Application Release Date: June 28, 2013

Pre-Application Workshops -- July 9, 2013/July 10, 2013

Deadline for Submission: July 18, 2013

Purpose and Description: The Division of Specialized Education (“DSE”), within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (“OSSE”), is soliciting grant applications from District of Columbia local education agency charter schools (“LEA charters”) for support to create, staff, and manage a co-located therapeutic classroom model.

The purpose of these grants is to expand the capacity of LEA charters to meet the needs of students with Individual Education Programs (“IEPs”) with high levels of need and ensure that they are provided a Free Appropriate Public Education (“FAPE”) in the least restrictive environment (“LRE”).

Grantees will be required to host a co-located classroom model that provides students with effective, intensive therapeutic supports, including but not limited to specialized instruction, related services, wraparound support, and a robust transition plan to support a student’s successful re-integration to the LEA of primary enrollment.

Eligibility: Local Education Agency Charter Schools are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants will be LEA charters that will demonstrate:

- (1) The ability to physically house an additional classroom;
- (2) The ability to appropriately staff the therapeutic classroom model according to grant requirements;
- (3) The ability to adopt an evidence-based model with proven success; and
- (4) The ability to monitor and enforce the terms of resulting Memoranda of Agreement.

Priority: Priority will be given to LEAs that (1) demonstrate the creative use of existing partnerships and/or secure additional resources from community partners, (2) demonstrate a plan for sustainability beyond the grant year, and (3) create opportunities to showcase the model for other LEAs, to ensure dissemination of best practices.

Length of Awards: Grant awards will be made for a period of one (1) year.

Available Funding for Awards: The amount available for this award period is approximately Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000). The funds will be awarded based on eligibility and strength of the application, including (1) the anticipated quality of proposed services provided to District students as supported by evidence-based practice, and (2) the reasonableness of budget based on demonstrated costs.

Anticipated Number of Awards: It is anticipated that OSSE will have funding available to support approximately three (3) classrooms.

Timeline/Deadline: The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on Friday, June 28, 2013, and the deadline for submission is Thursday, July, 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. The RFA will be available on OSSE's website, www.osse.dc.gov, and/or by contacting the Division of Specialized Education at (202) 741-6412.

Required Pre-Application Workshops: The OSSE will facilitate two (2) Pre-Application Technical Assistance Workshops for grant applicants. Applicants are required to attend a pre-application technical assistance workshop. The workshops will be held from 3:00- 4:00 pm on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. Failure to attend one of the pre-application technical assistance workshops will disqualify an application. Pre-registration for the workshops is required.

For additional information regarding this competition, or to register for the pre-application workshop, please contact Ms. Yuliana Del Arroyo, Director of Placement Oversight, Division of Specialized Education, Office of the Superintendent of Education, 801 1st Street NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002 or via email at Yuliana.delarroyo@dc.gov.